



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17th

7:30pm

Live Stream to Carmel's YouTube Channel:

Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside

Or Dial in via Worship Zoom number

RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD

Joel 2:13

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Worship is Now Live Streaming!

Worship is now **Live Streaming** from the **Carmel Sanctuary!**

Thanks to groundwork provided by our **Technology Task Force**, Carmel now has the ability to **Live Stream**—to broadcast live video and audio of the sanctuary over the internet. Session appointed a task force last Spring to explore Carmel’s possibilities to place live worship over the internet. The commitment of the Session was to ensure the safety as well as the ability of all Carmel members and friends to experience live worship in the sanctuary.

After the start of Zoom and Facebook Live worship Session agreed that the Novel Coronavirus Covid-19 that caused the pandemic would be with us for a prolonged period. Even after the projected vaccine inoculation of our communities and membership would be accomplished, it was thought some members—those more vulnerable to the health threat, homebound members, as well as members who live at a distance—would benefit from live worship from the sanctuary even while unable to attend in person.

Session approved **Illuminated Integration** as the team to design and install our new live streaming setup in the Sanctuary. Having successfully provided live streaming to several area churches and with the promise that their final design of the technological systems would be “user-friendly” and not a complicated sound and video board with thousands of dials and meters to adjust, they were selected. However, due to the pandemic, everyone wanted them to do their live streaming. Fortunately, Carmel got on their calendar in time to begin our live streaming with the New Year!

With two worship services now completed with live streaming, we are working out the “kinks” and learning how to adjust cameras, microphones and various other technological challenges. Basically, the simplicity of having everything needed to live stream a worship experience on one page of an iPad is more challenging than it sounds. Nevertheless, our Worship Tech Team is up to the challenge and are quick learners and we have discovered our

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soloists, liturgists, preachers and others have great patience and appreciation for the new possibilities.

Session will meet the first Sunday in February to evaluate how the live streaming is proceeding and test the waters to see whether Live-in-Person-Worship is a healthy move for Carmel. Session is aware that even with live-in-person-worship open to all, not all will feel comfortable being in a “crowd” even though good social-distancing, masks, hand-washing measures will be in place. However, a good group of folks will wish to attend, following the guidelines of Carmel’s Re-opening Task Force.

What you can do now!

Please await the date that **Live-in-Person-Worship** is approved by Session. Instructions will be given then on how to “register” online or by phoning the Church Office for particular Sundays. The Re-Opening Task Force’s guidelines will need to be followed. A limited number of individuals or same-home families will be able to enter. Our limitation is 48 designated areas/seats in the sanctuary: hence, the signup reservation registration.

The **Live Streaming Worship** will continue to be available for all who may not wish to attend in-person. This will continue on YouTube on our channel: “Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside” as well as on Facebook Live: “Carmel Presbyterian Church” and access will continue for those who attend by **Listening-in-on-the-Phone** on Zoom at our regular location.

Following the Live Streaming, **Coffee Hour Fellowship** will continue on Zoom for greater connectedness within our church family.

Volunteers are invited to learn how to “live stream” and who wish to arrive early on designated Sundays to “run” the iPad with the sound and video coverage. Contact the Church Office for more information

Thank you for your patience as we have worked to make a smooth transition from Sanctuary Worship to Zoom to Live Streaming and back to Sanctuary Worship with Live Streaming!!!

—Pastor Peter

Rev. Ashley Rossi Installed



Rev. Ashley Rossi, Carmel’s Associate Pastor, was installed as 2021 Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia during the worship service of the Presbytery meeting on January 23. She follows Outgoing Moderator, Elder Vijay Aggarwal of Wayne Presbyterian Church. Rev. Ted Mingle of Lower Providence Presbyterian Church was installed as Vice-Moderator for 2021.

The guest preacher for the worship service was Rear Admiral Rev. Margaret Grun Kibben, who was recently appointed as the first woman to serve as Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives. Rev. Kibben is a Minister Member of the Presbytery and preached on “Light of Light.” She was inspired to ministry while in the Youth Group of Neshaminy-Warwick Church. Abington High School graduates may remember her father, William Grun, a long-time Abington teacher and active elder in the Presbytery.

Pastor Ashley served as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery during 2020. Rev. Rossi’s commitment to the presbytery has been demonstrated in her leadership as Vice Moderator to the Commission on Resources and Creative Ministries, encouraging congregations to consider creative initiatives in an effort to strengthen their witness. She also worked closely this year with Presbytery leadership on issues that have framed the local and national landscape, such as racism and economic disparity, reflecting on how the church is to respond at such a time as this.

Please congratulate and pray for Pastor Ashley as she assumes this important leadership role for our Presbytery.

--Janet Simon



PRESBYTERY of PHILADELPHIA
CHRIST’S WORK ♦ OUR WITNESS

Carmel Flowers are Back

After 10 long months our Pastors decided that the flowers in the sanctuary will make the live streaming look more like Carmel. Beginning in February we will be honoring previous monthly dedicated Memorials and hoping for more from the congregation. If you are interested in a memorial for a loved one please contact Nancy Rose at nancybrose@comcast.net or 215-880-7897

From the Transitional Pastor's Study



Dear Friends,

Rumors about a novel corona-virus—**now known as Covid-19**—began a year ago!

Some of us in hindsight believe we even caught an early case with its symptoms only revealed months later. Our worship, congregational life and everyday life changed abruptly. We were shaken, challenged and lost months of good sleep. And with the promise of vaccines' arrival on the scene, a new variant shows up in London, then Denver, then Miami. Just as we believe we see relief, a restoration of life-as-we-knew-it, another flare-up occurs, raising new questions, new loss of deep sleep.

We need a breather!

And here comes **Ash Wednesday—the beginning of Lent**—on February 17th. That's right! It's rapidly upon us. Then, the 40 days of Lent plus its six Sundays before Easter again arrive.

The season of Lent is a time to **deepen our relationship with God and each other** as we reflect on Jesus' life and death in more intentional and reflective ways. Lent's seasonal color is **purple**: deep, dark, thoughtful, even somber, but also royal and rich—symbolizing our reflective mood—and fitting for the King of Kings.

Lent provides a time for us to **pause and take a "breather"**! Have you ever taken a "breather"?



Let's say you're buried in the middle of a meaningful project. Have you ever said to yourself or others, "Wait a minute? Let's pause and take a breather!" When I was younger, I used to chop wood to heat our home in the winter. I'd go out after school and split some wood into useable pieces. Sometimes I swung the axe so hard and for so long that I got winded. I'd have to take a break—allow my breathing to catch up with my need for oxygen. I'd need to pause and take a "breather."

Take a Breather!

And in the midst of the pandemic, a "breather" is what is needed.

The "breather" is a metaphor for us to pause and reflect as we enter Lent—a time we take a break from our busy-ness. Lent's a time we evaluate some of our normal routines, so we focus **less** attention on our daily race to "do" things. We focus **more** on our need for God to fill us up—to reconnect us with friends and neighbors.

So, let's pause and imagine Lent as a time to have **an opportunity to take a deep and long breath—40 days long!** When we take "breather", we pause, relax and rest; yet soon again we are on our way strengthened. Taking a deep "breather" is something we do when we are uncertain, perhaps anxious, and we want to compose our self before diving in. And that is why through church history many have accepted the challenge to give up something for Lent.



Our culture experiences this need as well; however, sometimes the practice of giving up something in Lent becomes twisted into just another self-improvement plan: to give up smoking, coffee, or chocolate or other sweets to finally lose the weight from the Thanksgiving to New Year's Day excesses—to be ready for the beach!

But in the church—perhaps more authentically—a disciple will give up something for Lent that's really crucial. In our church life Lent is more about sacrifice. Our focus is **not** on sweets, **but is on what Jesus did and does for us** that we might love God and each other as we hear the call to serve in our individual ministries for God's kingdom and God's people.

With Jesus our **focus** we understand his sacrifice is **not** just another self-improvement plan. In fact, his life and death is not the least bit self-focused; Jesus' sacrifice is centered on being obedient to God and offering love to the world and each one of us.

Choir members probably know the type of deep breath I describe what we need for Lent. I'm sure Abby would always remind the choir as well as now

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our soloists that, in the beats just prior to singing, they must prepare:


Stand straight! Relax your jaw and throat muscles! Pay attention to your diaphragm! Take a deep enough breath to sustain your singing! And, most importantly, pay attention to me!

Choir members know even if the coming lyrics are sung quietly, nevertheless, a deep breath is required. This is the deep breath I have in mind for Lent. This is the pause we take for a “breather”! There is healing in the pause as we look ahead not only for the promises in this pandemic, but for the promises ahead God is giving to connect us in yet new and deeper ways as Carmel continues to move forward.

So, let us prepare! Pause for a “breather”! Take a long, deep breath and prepare to inwardly shout **“Alleluia”** on **Easter Day** in response to Christ’s resurrection and its promise for each one of us and Carmel.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Peter



SWEETEST SUNDAY

Save the Date! Valentine’s Day - February 14th!

Congregational Life is hosting a Coffee Hour To Go. The idea is to connect as a congregation in a “sweet” way. If you are a Carmel member staying in these days, please reach out via email to request your sweet treat. If you are a Carmel member able to get out and about, please reach out via email to request your sweet treat AND offer your services to deliver to a Carmel Family member sticking close to home right now.

We’ll match you up with someone in your neighborhood or on your way home and we’ll all pause on the 14th of February to think about the love we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Reach out to Melissa Deacon
Mdeacon782@comcast.net
 Please provide the following information:
 Name + Address
 Please deliver to **OR** I can deliver
 How many ‘treats’ are needed

—Melissa Deacon



Notes from the Organist and Director of Music

Carmel's new technology was installed the week of Christmas and now we are able to livestream our worship services from our sanctuary each Sunday. Our first Sunday trying out the new equipment was on January 10, 2021. It is wonderful to be playing live from the organ again and accompanying the soloist in person. Zoom does not allow more than one person to be heard at a time and so we had to be creative every time someone sang.

Each Sunday now you will see a soloist standing about 12 feet from me at the organ or at the piano wearing a mask. Carmel purchased special singer’s masks and is providing each of our soloists with one. The singer’s masks are designed to add space at the mouth to allow for some resonance.

I want to thank Carmel's dedicated singers who help lead us in worship each Sunday. Jocelyn Agbadan, Venus Agbadan, Evelyn Abraham, David Campbell, Melissa Deacon, Deb Gates, Lois Randel, Pastor Ashley Rossi and her children, and Joelle Stein, Alice Stein, and Maxwell Stein. Thank you so much for your gifts of music which enrich our worship. Until the time when it is safe for us to sing in a group again, we will continue to use a soloist each Sunday. Please let me know if you are interested in this ministry.

— Abby Palmisano,
Organist and Director of Music



Session begins the New Year with enthusiastic officers and a dedicated staff to tackle the church's needs and projects. Session welcomes back returning elders: Class of 2021: David Campbell, Lynne Schutt, Kent Dyer, Anne Newman, Richard Thomas and Bruce Miller; Class of 2022: Eric Krieg, Kelly Rose, Gary Moll, Deborah Gates, Janet Simon and David Lanahan. And welcomes the newly installed Class of 2023 which are also returning Elders: Melissa Deacon, Jay Raulinaitis and Ken Schuyler.

Session established the following 2021 Session Committees, chairpersons denoted with an asterisk: Christian Education: Janet Simon* and Kelly Rose ; Church Officer Nominating: Jay Raulinaitis* and Nancy Pinkowicz as Clerk of Session; Congregational Life: Melissa Deacon* and David Campbell; Outreach (Evangelism): Ken Schuyler*; Finance, Investments and Insurance: Kent Dyer* and Eric Krieg; Personnel: Gary Moll*; Property: Lynne Schutt* and Dick Thomas; Stewardship: Anne Newman*; and Worship and Sacraments: Bruce Miller* and Deborah Gates. Nancy Pinkowicz will continue with the duties as Clerk of Session in 2021. Please feel free to ask questions and share suggestions or concerns with your church officers.

The following items were among the reports and business conducted by Session:

After hearing the individual Statements of Faith, proper Session examination, and receipt of appropriate responses, the Session approved the reception into membership by Profession of Faith Audrey Abraham and Jillian Morton.

Session approved four Congregational Life events that will take place over the next several months:

Comfort & Joy event for Sunday January 24.

Sweetest Sunday event on Sunday, February 14.

Carmel Speaker Series for March and/or April

If the way be clear Carmel Picnic tentatively *scheduled* for Sunday, July 25

As presented by Stewardship, Session approved four special offerings for 2021 – Souper Bowl, One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace and Global Mission and Christmas Joy.

Session has set up a Web Site Task force to work on the review and update of the content. Elders Janet Simon and Ken Schuyler as well as Kim Williams and Reverend Sulyok have agreed to participate in the Task Force.

An Amazon Smile account has been set up for the benefit of Carmel. More details about this account will be provided in a letter that will be sent to the Congregation.

Finally, Session is operating this year with three less Elders. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Session please contact Reverend Sulyok, Nancy Pinkowicz or Jay Raulinaitis.

— Nancy Pinkowicz, Clerk of Session

Free Money for Carmel!

Would you like to financially support Carmel every time you shop? Now you can do it without any cost to you. Carmel has joined the AmazonSmile program. Carmel will automatically receive 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

To enroll, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-1352377> in your browser, and click “yes” to support Carmel, and then shop as usual. Make sure to either bookmark the site or go to smile.amazon.com when you shop.

From the Amazon app on your phone, go to Settings, then AmazonSmile. Search for and select Carmel Presbyterian Church.

Current Amazon Prime account holders can type “AmazonSmile” in the search bar. Next, tap on the AmazonSmile icon and set up Carmel Presbyterian Church as your charity. Proceed with your shopping as you normally would.

Share this with your friends and family!

—Anne Newman



Stewardship Notes

1) Please remember to fill your *per capita* envelope with \$32.00 for each member in your household. These funds help pay for Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly - forms of our Presbyterian support for Carmel.

2) It is hard to believe that Lent begins this month. Each year there is a special offering during Lent - One Great Hour of Sharing. Look for more information on this special collection in the March issue.

3) Join us for live streaming services on Sunday mornings and stay safe and healthy as we take care of God's wonderful world and God's children everywhere.

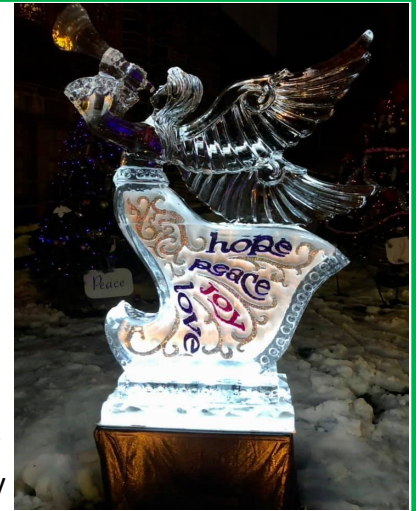
— Anne Newman



Christmas Season at Carmel

A big thank you and much gratitude are due to all those who helped provide Christmas season events and activities at Carmel during this unusual time of Covid-19 pandemic and required social distancing. Advent worship services and the very special virtual Christmas Eve family service and Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols service were planned by

Pastors Peter Sulyok and Ashley Rossi and Organist and Director of Music Abby Palmisano.



Too many individuals to list without omitting some deserve thanks for decorating the Sanctuary and church entrance, assembling and giving out "Advent To Go" bags, delivering poinsettias, and putting together all of the Congregational Life activities. Under the leadership of chair Melissa Deacon, the Congregational Life Committee arranged for Christmas trees on the church lawn focused on the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy themes of Advent and culminating with a surprise angel ice sculpture. Their drive-by December 20 event provided sweet treat bags and a Christmas message for each family and also collected food donations for the Interfaith Food Cupboard. Congregational Life also put together an online slide show of Carmel children and families at Christmas, past and present.

Special thanks to the children, youth and adults who enacted the virtual Christmas Eve pageant, "When the World Feels Scary," and to Pastor Ashley Rossi who directed and enabled the technology for this memorable reenactment of the Christmas story. Advent worship service preludes and postludes were enriched by slide shows of photographs submitted by Carmel members for the Advent themes, and assembled by Pastor Ashley.



Yes, Christmas 2020 was different, and we missed the usual in-person activities and traditions. But the Christmas spirit of love, joy, and celebrating the birth of the Christ child was still very much present thanks to the efforts of so many members of the Carmel family. —Janet Simon

From the Board of Shepherds

As another year ends, I would like to thank our two outgoing Shepherds who have served faithfully on the board, delivering flowers, ushering and also preparing communion bread. Our heartfelt thanks to Linda Parker and Lisa Scholly for their service. Being a Shepherd provides a unique opportunity to meet and connect with members of the congregation whom we might not otherwise encounter in our day-to-day activities as members of Carmel. We as a church community, draw strength from these personal connections. Thank you for your service! I would also like to welcome aboard our new Shepherd Margie White who will join the class of 2023 and Lynne Coulter who has agreed to serve another 3 year term. Welcome to the team and thank you for choosing to serve. There are two positions to fill on the board, so if you are looking for a way to become more active in serving Carmel, please contact the church office.

— Mary Ellen Thomas

Help Wanted

Carmel is seeking individuals interested in helping with the mission and government of the church and the care of the Congregation and Carmel's Community.

We still have open positions available to serve on the Boards of Session, Deacons and Shepherds for the Class of 2023.

Serving on one of these boards is a great way to learn more about the day to day "behind the scene" running of the church and to serve the Carmel family and church community. If you are interested in learning more please contact any member of the Church Officer Nominating Committee, Reverend Sulyok, or Reverend Rossi.





Happy New Year from your Board of Deacons!

We would like to start by sending a heartfelt thank you to those who have completed their service with us: Jack Edwards, Jimmy Scholly, Lisa Lent, and Danny Miller. We will miss you dearly, and appreciate all of the work you have done for the Deacons and the church community! We are also filled with joy to welcome Judy Vincent back for another term, and to welcome Florence Dyer and Heidi Lindsay back into our ranks. We look forward to serving with you. We also thank Jed Smith for stepping up as our new moderator, Denise Abraham as vice-moderator, and for the continued service of Steve Heintz as Treasurer and Carol Moll as Secretary.

Next, we would like to say thank you to the whole congregation for their generosity. With your help we were able to make several drop-offs of donated gift cards to The Village, which were then distributed to children and needy families this year in lieu of the Christmas toy drive. The Village was very grateful and we were blessed by the outpouring of support.

Another success was the food drive that coincided with the Christmas tableau drive through. With your generous donations we were able to supply about a dozen bags full of canned goods to the Interfaith Food Cupboard. They were very appreciative.

Spreading kindness at Carmel

We continue to work on our three new initiatives to help support and strengthen our church community. We will begin providing snacks for the AA meetings which are held at Carmel. See below for information and sign-ups for our other two!

Mealtime Love

Are you a Carmel family with school-age children? Would you like a prepared family meal? Our Deacons are here for you! Email Joyce Kornfeld jkkornfeld@comcast.net and say 'yes'. Also include any

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Carmel Welcomes First-Time Board Members

Carmel has two first-time board members beginning their service in 2021, Jeanne Simon on the Board of Deacons and Margie White with the Shepherds.

Jeanne Simon will be joining the Board of Deacons in the Class of 2023. Jeanne grew up at Carmel and was active in Children's and Adult Choirs, musicals and the Youth Group. She participated in the first Honduras mission trip, and served as a Carmel Friend to an elderly member. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband, Justin Binder. In what she considers as one silver lining of COVID, she has enjoyed the opportunity to participate in Carmel's worship services virtually this year.

Jeanne works in Corporate Social Responsibility for Accenture. She has served on the board or as a consultant with several nonprofit organizations in the Washington, DC area. She and Justin are active volunteers/runners with Back on My Feet, which combats homelessness through the power of running, community support and essential employment and housing resources. They both enjoy travel, tandem bike riding, skiing, and hiking.

Jeanne decided to become a Deacon in appreciation of all the care and guidance she has received from Carmel members and clergy over the years; she hopes to support other members and the church community in a similar way.

Margie White is joining Carmel's Shepherds in the Class of 2023. She became a Carmel member in 2018, transferring from the Roslyn Presbyterian Church. No stranger to church office, at Roslyn and Llanerch Presbyterian Church in Delaware County, Margie served as a deacon, an elder, and clerk of Session. She is very happy to have found Carmel, along with her fellow Roslyn friends, and has participated here in Presbyterian Women, the Deacons'

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*Please Join Us
for our Lenten Study Series:*

"Jesus Sees Women"

*Sundays during Lent at 9:00 AM
February 21st through March 28th*

ZOOM MEETING ID:

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family food allergies and a preferred night of the week.

Carmel Buddies

Hi Carmel Seniors! Are you spending a lot of time at home and missing your human connections? Deacons would like to connect you with our youth through a new pen pal program. We'll even supply the note cards and stamps. Want to join us? Email Joyce Kornfeld jkkornfeld@comcast.net (or call 215-884-9314) with your name, address and your top 3 interests.

Racism Statements from Mission Partners

Our racism study at Carmel highlights the importance of partnering with organizations who share our concerns.

Dawn's Place Statement on Racial Justice:

At Dawn's Place, we recognize that Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) arises from inequality. As a result, there are both gender and racial disparities in the commercial sex trade. Because of their subjection to combined forces of gendered and racialized oppression, women of color are overrepresented as victims of CSE, both across the United States and across the globe. We have always been committed to fighting for justice for women of color, both foreign trafficked and domestically pimped and prostituted women. As a result of this focus, our program has been specifically designed to support women who are subjected to uniquely high levels of marginalization and abuse. In our programming, we aim to provide a racially inclusive environment for women of color from the moment they enter our doors, committing ourselves to continuous active listening, learning, and action toward racial justice. At the leadership level, we aim to inform our practices by incorporating diverse voices in those who serve on our staff and Board of Directors. Externally, Dawn's Place opposes the interlocking systems of injustice that drive gendered, racialized violence and we are committed to standing with women of color to advocate for equity and healing. In all, Dawn's Place takes a multi-pronged approach to addressing racial inequity, with the goal of promoting a society that fully embraces and supports the thriving of women of color.

God Bless you all and let us know if you have any interest in any of our initiatives! As always, if you are in need of Deacon support or are interested in becoming a deacon, please reach out to me at ampm611@gmail.com or Pastor Ashley at pas-torash80@gmail.com.

-- Abigail Clayton



Carmel Nursery School News

Hello, all!

The Nursery School has been working to reopen safely in this pandemic. We struggled with not enough children to not enough staff. Now with the vaccine and hope on the horizon, we are tentatively planning a March opening. We have a small group of interested families and are working out the staffing. We will be following all guidelines and taking all precautions needed for our staff and children to be back in the classroom where we all want to be!!! Of course, there are many things that can affect this wish to reopen, but let's keep praying that everything falls into place with staffing and, of course, the state of our community.

Thank you to all for your continued support and interest in the nursery school, and our ability to help our children find a safe and loving place to learn and socialize.

—Leslie Arrowsmith



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cook-in, and a women's book group. Margie lives in Willow Grove with her son Greg and his wife Dana, and her 6-year-old granddaughter Gemma.

Margie worked as a licensed occupational therapist for 40 years, mostly in geriatrics, and is now retired. Her hobbies include quilting, sewing and all types of needlework, and she likes traveling and all kinds of music. Another great interest is genealogy. Margie decided to join the Shepherds because she wanted to do something which helped people and to be of service to people of the church.

— Janet Simon

In Memoriam



Carmel offers condolences to these families who have lost loved ones.

David, Christina, Nicole and Matthew Rice on the death of Dave's mother, Elaine Rice on December 12.

Annette and Olivia Grace Lin-Ralph on the loss of husband and father, Michael Ralph on December 17.

Joan Rotenbury and family as long-time member **Earl Rotenbury** joined the church triumphant on December 23. Joan and Earl most recently participated in the ROAM group at Carmel.

Patrick, Melissa and Patrick, Jr. Deacon on the loss of Patrick's mother, Catherine

Please keep them all in your prayers

Get Well Soon

Please keep **Margie White** in your prayers. Margie was recently hospitalized for surgery, and is now recuperating at home.

Please continue to pray for **Matt Coulter**.

Welcome New Baby!

Congratulations to **Kay Bauer**, on the birth of her eighth great-grandchild. Maria Allred was welcomed to the family in November. May God bless her!



FEBRUARY



Happy Birthday to:

Sally Hanline, who will turn 95 on February 2nd

Robert Lou Richardson, who will turn 91 on February 23th

Happy Anniversary to:

Frank and Ann Scott III, who will celebrate their Golden 50th Anniversary on February 20th

Enjoy your special days!

Thank You!



Lynne Coulter brought me a beautiful poinsettia, and I deeply appreciate it!

– *Kay Bauer*

Thank you, thank you, thank you Carmel friends for phone calls, notes and Christmas cards. Thank you for the most beautiful poinsettia plant, sent by Kristen and Gregory Waldner. Thank you to ROAM for the nice gathering to meet Rev. Peter Sulyok and his wife, Rev. Jeannine Frenzel. My love to all!

– *Doris Golingan*

Many thanks to the Shepherd who delivered my poinsettia at Christmas. It is now mid-January and it continues to be beautiful. I could visualize the front of the sanctuary—remember the years past!

– *Jean Badger*

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. What a pleasant surprise and so thoughtful of you!

– *Barbara Knox*

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia I received. I was really pleased to receive the plant. Thank you for thinking of me. I will be happy when we can all return to our church as normal.

– *Joyce S. Young*

Lectionary for February, 2021

February 7, 2021

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 14, 2021—Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:12
Psalm 50
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9



February 17, 2021—Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Or Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



February 21, 2021—1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 19:9-15



February 28, 2021—2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38



Paying it back — and forward

During the pandemic, acts of kindness seemed especially meaningful.

Last spring, as Covid-19 hit Native American communities particularly hard, an interesting transatlantic outreach occurred. Donations from Ireland began appearing in a relief fund for Navajo and Hopi families, leading administrators to suspect the account had been hacked. Then they realized a cross-generational payback was underway.

In 1847, Choctaw Tribe members sent \$170 overseas to Ireland to help with Potato Famine relief. That generosity was never forgotten, and by May 2020, people in Ireland had contributed more than \$4 million toward pandemic assistance for relatives of people who’d helped their ancestors. Many donors included an Irish proverb meaning

“In each other’s shadows the people live.”

The concept of paying it forward dates back to a 1784 letter by Benjamin Franklin. It also echoes Jesus’ Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you” (Luke 6:31). How might you live out this practice today?

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Carmel extends thanks and appreciation to these elected committee members ending their service as of December 31, 2020.

Congregational Members

Jason Flax - Auditor
Bob Gerhard - Finance Committee
Connie Tolton - Finance Committee
Linda MacFarland - Church Officer Nominating Committee

The church welcomes these congregational members who agreed to be on a committee for the coming term.

Finance Committee

Mary Ellen Thomas - to be elected 1/31/21

Audit Committee

Robert Gerhard - to be elected 1/31/21

Church Officer Nominating Committee - all to be elected 1/31/21

Barbara Podrost
Nancy O’Brien
Barbara Knox
Nancy Pinkowicz